

Hongkong Telegraph

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1894.

THIRTY DOLLARS
PER ANNUM.

Banks.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorized Capital.....\$1,000,000
Subscribed Capital.....\$500,000

HEAD OFFICE:—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:—
D. Gillies, Esq., Chairman,
Chow Tung Shing, Esq.,
Chan Kit Shan, Esq.,
H. Stollerfoht, Esq.,
Chief Manager,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Branches:—London, Yokohama, Shanghai and Amoy.

BANKERS:—

The Commercial Bank of Scotland,
Parrs Banking Co., and The Alliance Bank (Ld.)

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.
Hongkong, 16th November, 1893. [7]

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL.....\$2,000,000
CAPITAL PAID-UP.....\$251,093.150

BANKERS:—

CAPITAL & COUNTRIES BANK, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE:—

No. 3, PRINCE STREET, LONDON.

BRANCHES:—

BOMBAY, CALCUTTA, HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI.

AGENCIES:—

PENANG, SINGAPORE AND YOKOHAMA.

RATES OF INTEREST.

ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS
and Fixed Deposits can be ascertained
on application.
Every description of Banking and Exchange
business transacted.

CHANTREY INCHBALD,

Manager, Hongkong, 6th November, 1893. [210]

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL.....\$1,000,000
SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,186,000

BANKERS:—

LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST—ALLOWED ON CURRENT

ACCOUNTS at the Rate of 2 per cent.
per annum on the Daily Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:—

For 12 Months.....4 per cent.
" 6 ".....3 " "
" 3 ".....2 " "

JOHN THURBURN,

Manager, Hongkong, 4th February, 1894. [20]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this CORPORATION will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, TO-MORROW, the 17th day of February, at Twelve o'clock, NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1893.

By Order of the Court of Directors.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager, Hongkong, 16th February, 1894. [172]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the REGISTERS of SHARES of the CORPORATION will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 17th day of February, (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

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Insurances.

THE STANDARD ENDOWMENT ASSURANCE.

1. AMONG THE MANY ADVANTAGES of this form of Assurance, the following may be mentioned:—

- (a)—It secures an immediate Provision for wife and family or other relatives in event of early death.
- (b)—It provides a Fund for Retirement.
- (c)—It supplies an excellent Investment for the regular accumulation of small fixed sums of money.
- (d)—The Surrender and loan values are larger than under ordinary Policies.

2. AFTER THE POLICY HAS BEEN THREE YEARS IN FORCE—should the Policy-holder wish to discontinue future payments—he will be entitled to receive, on application, a FREE PAID-UP POLICY for a proportionate amount of the Sum Assured, as explained in the Prospectus.

Full particulars on application,

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents,
STANDARD LIFE OFFICE.

Hongkong, 8th August, 1893. [147]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

HEAD OFFICE.

No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.

Hongkong, 24th November, 1893. [180]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED).

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000.....\$533,333.33

RESERVE FUND.....\$318,000.00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

LEX SING, Esq., LO YUK MOON, Esq., LOU TSO SHUN, Esq.

MANAGER.—HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the World.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1888. [974]

Notices of Firms.

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

By Order of the Board of Directors, Messrs. B. SANDER & Co. will be in charge of the Company's BUSINESS at this Port during my temporary absence.

C. ZANELLA, Agent, Hongkong, 15th February, 1894. [241]

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VICTORIA LODGE

HONGKONG, No. 1026.

AN EMERGENCY MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in FREEMASONS' HALL, Zealand Street, TO-MORROW, the 17th instant, at 8.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited.

Hongkong, 15th February, 1894. [236]

ROTHEN MARK LODGE, No. 264.

A REGULAR MEETING of the ROTHEN MARK LODGE will be held at the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zealand Street, on MONDAY, the 19th instant, at 8.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 16th February, 1894. [238]

Amusements.

HONGKONG ATHLETIC SPORTS.

To be held on the RACE COURSE on SATURDAY, the 18th of March, 1894. Commencing at 1.30 P.M.

PROGRAMME:

1. 120 Yards Race (Handicap).
2. Throwing the Cricket Ball.
3. Long Jump.
4. Quarter mile (Handicap); Soldiers, Sailors and Police.
5. Bicycle Race, 1 mile (Scratch).
6. High Jump.
7. Ladies' Race, 1/2 mile (Handicap).
8. Veterans' Race.
9. 100 Yards (Challenge Cup).
10. Tag-of-War.
11. Hurdle Race (120 yards, 10 flights).
12. Quarter mile Flat Race.
13. 1/2 mile Flat Race (Handicap); Soldiers, &c.
14. Mile Flat Race.
15. 220 Yards (Handicap).
16. 440 Yards (Handicap).
17. Steeplechase.
18. Mile Bicycle Race (Handicap).
Note: 4, 5, 13 and 18 are open events. Entry forms can be obtained after the 10th of February, 1894, at the VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB, QUARRY BAY ATHLETIC CLUB, HONGKONG DOCK, or of the Undersigned, and must be sent in not later than February 15th, 1894.

A. DENISON, Honorary Secretary, 25, 25 A & C, Hongkong, 15th February, 1894. [181]

Intimations.



RACES 1894. RACES 1894.

SADDLERY, RACING GEAR, STABLE FURNITURE, RACING SADDLES with Fittings complete, 31 pieces. JOCKEY WHIPS. BRIDLES. RACING REINS. BROWN LEATHER PONY HARNESS.

NEW CRAVATS, SCARFS, COLLARS, GLOVES, HATS, CARRIAGE RUGS, &c. JOCKEY BOOTS, RACING TOPS.

JANECRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, 2nd February, 1894. [150]

THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "Kremlik"—A. B. C. Code.—TELEPHONE, No. 32.

PROPRIETORS.....THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL—the most commodious and best appointed Hotel in the Far East, affords unequalled accommodation to travellers and others. It is situated in the centre of the town, opposite the General Post Office and the Hongkong Club, adjacent to Pedder's Wharf (the principal landing stage of the Colony) and in close proximity to the Banks and Shipping Offices.

THE HOTEL STEAM LAUNCH conveys passengers and baggage to and from all Mail Steamers. THE TABLE D'HOTE, at separate tables, is supplied with every delicacy, the *carte au vin* being under experienced supervision.

THE BED-ROOMS, with adjoining Bath-rooms, are lofty and well ventilated, open on to spacious Verandahs, are lighted by gas and fitted throughout with electric communications.

The Reading, Writing and Smoking Rooms, Ladies' Drawing Rooms, the new Bar and public BILLIARD ROOMS (Six English and American Tables) are fitted with every convenience.

The WINES & SPIRITS are selected by an Expert and the BEST BRANDS only are supplied.

HYDRAULIC ASCENDING-ROOMS of the latest and most approved type convey passengers and baggage from the Entrance Hall to each of the five floors above.

NIGHT PORTERS and WATCHMEN are continually on duty.

R. TUCKER, Manager, [229]

KELLY & WALSH, LD.

NOW READY

SHANGHAI NAUTICAL POCKET MANUAL, \$1.50.
IMPERIAL ENGLISH & CHINESE DIARY, \$1.00.
IMPERIAL ENGLISH & CHINESE DATE BLOCK, 75c.

DOLLARS & STERLING EXCHANGE TABLES, 2/- to 3/6.

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED,

PUBLISHERS.

Hongkong, 31st January, 1894. [6]

CENTRAL HOTEL, SHANGHAI.

Electric Lighting throughout the Premises.

Telegraphic Address:—"CENTRAL," SHANGHAI.

THIS long-established SELECT Family Hotel, situated on the Bund, facing the river in the centre of the Settlements, is now fitted with the latest modern improvements, including Bath and Dressing Rooms ATTACHED to Suites and Single Rooms, with hot and cold water laid on, DOUCHE, SHOWER, SPRAY, etc., and heated to a comfortable temperature during winter.

COMMODIOUS RECEPTION ROOM FOR VISITORS.
SEPARATE ROOMS FOR PRIVATE DINNER PARTIES, &c.
An Assistant attends on Passengers by Mail Steamers.

N.B.—Special reduced charges may be arranged for on application to the Manager.

F. E. REILLY,

PROPRIETOR.

HONGKONG TRADING COMPANY.

FOR THE RACES.

NEW STOCK

FELT HATS, TERAI HATS, PEARL AND FAWN SHELL HATS.

MADE TO ORDER, AND PROMPTLY EXECUTED.

J. P. COTTAM,

MANAGING PARTNER.

No. 1 to 7, D'Arquer Street, Hongkong, 15th February, 1894. [116]

Intimations.

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), FEBRUARY 17TH, 1894, 2.45 P.M.

"MARTINI" CUP and SPOONS.

Ranger, 200, 500 and 600 yards; 5 Shots at each Range. Entrance fee for Spoon 30 cents.

ARTHUR CHAPMAN, Honorary Secretary, [46]

Hongkong, 12th February, 1894.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the Company, No. 14, Praya Central, on MONDAY, the 19th February, 1894, at 3 o'clock P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1893.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 5th to the 19th February, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, D. GILLIES, Secretary, [178]

Hongkong, 1st February, 1894.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE TWENTY-FIFTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 2, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, on WEDNESDAY, the 21st February, at Twelve o'clock NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1893.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 21st inst., both days inclusive.

By Order, JAS. B. COUGHTRIE, Secretary, [183]

Hongkong, 1st February, 1894.

NOTICE.

MEETINGS for work in connection with the C. E. A. will be held by Mrs. BIRD, 15th February; Mrs. HAWKINS, 1st March; Mrs. WOODHOUSE, 8th, 15th and 22nd March, at 3.30. It is hoped that Members will be able to attend.

Hongkong, 13th February, 1894. [237]

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the KONINKLIJKE PAKETVAART MAATSCHAPPIJ, are prepared to grant through Bills of Lading to Ports of Java, Sumatra (East and West Coast), Celebes, Timor, Sunda Islands, Dutch New Guinea, &c., &c. Bills of Lading for through Cargo from these Ports to be presented to the Undersigned for countersignature.

LAUTS, WEGENER & Co. [1289]

Hongkong, 15th November, 1893.

WANTED.

A JOURNALIST to fill the position of SUB-EDITOR and SHORT-HAND REPORTER. Must be reliable, experienced and thoroughly competent.

Address: PROPRIETOR, "JAPAN DATA ADVERTISER," No. 49, Yokohama. [196]

Yokohama, 20th January, 1894.

SITUATION WANTED.

A GENTLEMAN (English) aged 28, seeks suitable employment in an English or German House in Hongkong or any Coast Port of China. Able to correspond well in ENGLISH, GERMAN and DUTCH, has a thorough practical knowledge of BOOK-KEEPING and GENERAL OFFICE WORK.

Apply to "X," c/o Hongkong Telegraph Office. Hongkong, 23rd January, 1894. [139]

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL ROTISSERIE will be RE-OPENED on FRIDAY, the 9th instant, under new and experienced management.

THE STRICTEST ATTENTION will be paid to the COOKING.

A STAFF of thoroughly trained and specially selected servants has been engaged and will be under the immediate supervision of the Manager.

Hongkong, 5th February, 1894. [198]

THOMAS' GRILL ROOMS, (Corner of Queen's Road and Duddell Street.)

THE Undersigned has always thought that such a place as this was the one thing needed to fit in between HOTEL LIFE and the PRIVATE BOARDING HOUSE—providing it be First-class in every detail. A place where one may have his GRILLED CHOP or STEAK at any hour of the Day, up to 11 P.M., or later, if notice be given. He is also prepared to SUPPLY MEALS to PRIVATE PARTIES on Menu or Order—the Parties sending Dishes, &c., in same—and Cash. Scale on application.

Monthly Board for One Person.....\$35.00
Tiffin.....\$15.00
AMERICAN FROZEN OYSTERS always on hand and served in every Style.

Breakfast.....\$2.50
From Venice, ex S.S. "MASSIMILIANO," transhipped at Trieste.

From Calcutta, ex S.S. "AGLAIA,"

For Sale.

IMPORTANT INTIMATION.

NOW READY.



(PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY.)

"THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST," A DIRECTORY AND WORK OF REFERENCE ON ALL IMPORTANT LOCAL SUBJECTS FOR HONGKONG, MACAO, CHINA, JAPAN, THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS, SIAM, INDU-CHINA, NORTH BORNEO, THE PHILIPPINES, AND COREA, FOR THE YEAR 1894.

PRICE THREE DOLLARS.

THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY has again been enlarged and will be found

THE CHEAPEST, MOST COMPLETE, AND MOST RELIABLE WORK OF THE KIND EVER PUBLISHED IN THE FAR EAST.

THE above named work, published at the Office of "THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH," contains a Directory for the Ports in the large portion of Asia between Penang, in the Straits Settlements, and the Northern Chinese Ports, including Vladivostok, Formosa, the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, Coshin-China, the Philippine Islands, Corea, British North Borneo, the British Colony of Hongkong, and the Portuguese Colony of Macao. It also contains the Principal Treaties between European countries and the United States and the countries East of the Straits, including the Treaties and Conventions between China and Great Britain, France, Germany, Russia, the United States of America, Brazil, Japan, Peru, Spain, and Portugal; together with conditions of Trade, and the Port, Customs, Consular, and Harbour Regulations for the Ports of China and Japan; also descriptions of the various Ports, with the latest Trade Statistics, taken from the Reports of the Imperial Maritime Customs and other reliable sources.

The various Governments and Municipal Corporations, and all Public Bodies and Companies, Bankers, Merchants, Consuls, Professional men, and other Residents, have supplied the necessary matter, upon forms specially sent for that purpose so as to ensure accuracy. The Naval and Military portions have been taken from the latest published official lists and verified at Headquarters; in fact, no pains have been spared to make "THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST" a handy and perfectly reliable book of reference for all classes.

In addition to the information enumerated above "THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST" for 1894 contains a carefully revised

INDEX TO THE ORDINANCES OF HONGKONG:

A SPECIAL LIST OF FOREIGNERS employed in Steamers making short voyages from Hongkong;

THE PRIVATE RESIDENCES of the Principal Government Officials, the Leading Merchants, the Foreign Consuls, Professional Men, Justices of the Peace, &c.

A LADIES DIRECTORY FOR HONGKONG, The latest and only reliable

PLAN OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA, showing the proposed Reclamations and all recent additions and improvements,

AND A Mass of interesting information on various subjects, culled from the most trustworthy sources.

A CHAPTER ON SPORT gives all statistics up to date regarding the Derby, St. Leger and other great events, Athletic records, the WINNERS of all IMPORTANT RACES at HONGKONG, SHANGHAI, FOCHOW, and AMOY, with times, and other interesting particulars, carefully compiled from the most reliable sources, making "THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST," a *valde mimum* for all classes of sportsmen.

"THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST" for 1894 is printed on a superior quality of Paper, and is the best printed and most handsomely bound volume ever published East of the Suez Canal.

"THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST," in order that it may circulate extensively outside this Colony, is published at a POPULAR PRICE, and can be ordered at This Office, or through any of our Agents at the various Ports, for

THREE DOLLARS.

There is not space in the compass of an Ordinary Advertisement to detail all the information introduced into the work, but it may be fairly asserted that no such Directory has ever been published, either in Hongkong or any other part of the East, at such a low price.

"THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST" offers Special Advantages as an Advertising Medium. It has an extensive circulation in all Ports between Singapore and Newchwang, in the Australian Colonies, the United States, and the United Kingdom, and the scale of charges has been fixed at an exceptionally low rate. Terms can be learned on application.

Suggestions for the improvement of this work are respectfully solicited.

Orders for COPIES, and for ADVERTISEMENTS may be sent to the Agents at the various Ports, or to the Office of

"THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" FREDERICK HILL, HONGKONG, Hongkong, 16th January, 1894.

Intimations.

DR. FENWICK'S FOOD

FOR NURSING MOTHERS AND INFANTS

ALSO FOR DYSPEPTICS AND INVALIDS.

It is specially recommended as an article of

diet for NURSING MOTHERS as it will strengthen and support them and at the same time enrich the Natural Milk and increase the Supply.

INFANTS FED on this Food put on flesh rapidly.

In two and sixpenny and one and sixpenny bottles at \$1.10 and 70 Cents.

AGENTS IN HONGKONG: DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & COMPANY, LIMITED,

VICTORIA DISPENSARY,

Hongkong, 12th January, 1894.

CHEMISTS BY APPOINTMENT.

A. S. WATSON & CO.,

LIMITED.

限公司

FAMILY AND DISPENSING

CHEMISTS.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGISTS.

ANALYSTS.

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PATENT, MEDICINE PROPRIETORS AND

VENDORS

DRUGGISTS' SUNDRYMEN.

CIGAR DEALERS.

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS,

AND

AERATED WATER MAKERS.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,

香港大藥房

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.

The Hongkong Dispensary, Hongkong.

The Shanghai Pharmacy, 24, Nanking

Road, Shanghai.

Botica Inglesa, 14, Escolta, Manila.

The Canton Dispensary, Canton.

The Dispensary, Fochow.

The Hongkong Dispensary, Hankow.

The Hongkong Dispensary, Tientsin.

London Office, 8, Fenchurch Buildings, E.C.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1894.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1894.

TELEGRAMS.

THE PARISH COUNCILS BILL.

LONDON, February 14th, 1894.

The statement made on the 9th instant that the Bill had passed the House of Lords was premature. It only passed the third reading yesterday, but with many amendments which will require its return from the House of Commons.

The Government is determined to reject the amendments.

SIERRA LEONE.

A French official despatch from Sierra Leone, in explanation of the last collision between the French and British troops, states that the English Police had occupied a French village, and were trying to impress the villagers into their service for the purpose of making roads.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Gwalior* left Bombay on the 14th inst., for this port.

A CHAPTER for the construction of electric tramways, to run in the streets of Kyoto, has been adopted by the promoters of the scheme by the Government.

It is probable that the repairs to the *Hongkong*, necessitated by a collision with a vessel off Breaker Point on the 8th inst., will be completed early next month.

It is said that the Emperor of Japan has decided to grant free pardons to all political prisoners now in confinement upon the occasion of his forthcoming silver wedding.

THE late Mr. Douglas G. Parker, whose death, at Penang, was announced a few days since, was Assistant Secretary to the Government of Penang. He had been ill for some time.

INSTRUCTIONS have been issued by the Japanese Government to the Buddhist and Shinto priests throughout the country that they are in no way to interfere in the forthcoming general elections.

A REGULAR meeting of Perseverance Lodge No. 1165, F.C., will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zealand Street, this evening, at 8.30 for 9 o'clock precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

OF late some very heavy shipments of bullion from Japan to Shanghai have been made. On the 6th inst. the steamer *Sakiko Maru* carried \$300,000, treasure from Yokohama to Shanghai.

THE P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer *China*, with mails, &c., from San Francisco to the 20th inst., and Honolulu the 6th inst., has arrived at Yokohama, and will leave for this port tomorrow morning.

NEWS comes from Japan that the Chinese Government has decided to construct a railway line from Peking to Vladivostok, and that the timber required for the enterprise is now being ordered from Dal Nippon.

CAPT. WALKER of the steamer *Kora*, which arrived in Singapore on the 8th, reports having sighted on the 1st inst. the British barque *Cairnholm*, of Liverpool in lat. 6 N., long. 95 deg. E., wishing to be reported "all well."

WE read that over 30,000 inhabitants of Kaiofu, in Korea, have petitioned the Government to pardon their leader, Kim-kun, who fomented the late disturbance in that city. If their petition is rejected, it is believed that they will burn out again into another riot.

THE New Japanese warship *Yokosuka* arrived at Singapore on the 8th inst., and, according to latest advices, will sail from that port tomorrow. She is briefly described as being a vessel of 4,300 tons, 34 guns, 1,500 horse-power and manned by a crew of 2,000 officers and men.

ACCORDING to the *Bangkok Times* the Siamese Government has in contemplation the partition, for administrative purposes, of the various provinces of the country in accordance with the scheme drawn up by Prince Damrong. The scheme is said to embrace the opening up of Siam by roads.

AT the Magistrate's today, before Mr. W. C. H. Hastings, Sir To Ue was charged with fraudulent imitation of Sperry & Co.'s trade mark for flour, at 100, Praya West. William Whitley, manager of Messrs. Sperry & Co.'s China export branch in San Francisco, gave evidence to show several points in which the 832 flour bags found on defendant's premises differed from the real Sperry bags. The letters printed on them were slightly wrong, and the make-up was not the same. This case was adjourned until Saturday, 24th inst., at 10 a.m.

THE Singapore *Free Press* understands that nothing will be done as to the settlement of the Mekong Buffer State arrangement before Nov. next, and it is believed that nothing will be done to settle the *perpetual* of the delimitation party on the British side until the summer, although the French Government have been notified that Mr. J. G. Scott is to be the British Commissioner. Probably the Government of India will decide on who are to go, and will almost certainly send men from the Intelligence and Survey Departments.

H. M. S. *Pigmy*, which sailed hence for the scene of the recent collision between the China Navigation Company's steamer *Hongkong* and the *Saint August*, was passed by *Thales* about 8 o'clock last night this side of Breaker Point. The *Pigmy* is now cruising about in search of any wreckage by means of which the identity of the sunken steamer may be established. In the meantime, it may be added, Captain Derby of the *Hongkong* has applied to the Harbour Master to hold a Court of Inquiry to investigate the matter, but no date has yet been fixed for the assembly of the Court.

TENDERS for the supply of 3,558 tons of iron-pipes, which are still deficient for the Osaka waterworks, will be received by the Committee on the 21st inst. Tenders from 23 firms having been invited by the Waterworks Office. There will be required 10,510 ft. 12 in. 24 in. 5 in., 15,530 ft. 6 in., and 370 ft. 12 in. 12 in. 6 in. long. The *Japan Gazette* states that through silver depreciation, the office will lose 30,000 yen by having tenders now, while five months' delay in the construction will entail expenses in salaries, etc., amounting to 200,000 yen. The gains on the Waterworks Loan will thus not only be swallowed up, but there will be a net loss of 60,000 yen.

THE Japanese authorities seem to be very much on the *qui vive* just now on the subject of female exports, and we are told that at Singapore on the 9th inst., acting as an investigation of the local Japanese Consul, the police boarded the steamer *Madoff* and took charge of a party of Japanese girls, 34 in number, who, it is alleged, were unlawfully brought into the waters of that colony. Mr. Wray, Protector of Chinese, accompanied by Police Inspector Black, boarded the *Madoff* and annexed the women, who, it is said, will be shipped back to Japan. Six men, also Japanese, were arrested on board and will be called upon to answer the charge of kidnapping. No action has been taken against the captain or agents of the steamer; they, presumably, being in no way interested or concerned.

A MALAY, who arrived in Singapore on the 14th inst., reported there a case of daring piracy, which recently occurred off the coast of Sumatra. It seems a Chinese boat, loaded with rice and other things, was attacked by a party of Malays, who killed all the Chinese and looted the cargo. These things, says the *Free Press*, are of periodic occurrence, and there is not improbably a great many more than are reported. It is, of course, difficult, if not impossible, to prevent them entirely, but surely the Dutch gunboats might do a great deal more in this direction than they do. There has only been one occurrence of the kind in recent years in Singapore, and then the perpetrators were all caught and executed. To have to record such practical things at all, however, is the lawlessness and license of piracy rather than the vigilance and enlightenment and security of the nineteenth century.

MR. JUSTICE LAW, the Puisne Judge lately appointed to Singapore, took his seat in the Supreme Court there on the 9th inst.

It is said that Major-General Sir Charles Warren, whose command of the Straits garrison ceases at the end of March next, will proceed home via Hongkong and the United States.

DANCING is stigmatised by the *Japan Mail* as being an "extraneous and demoralising feature of Western Civilization." To the refining influences of what civilisation could the man who penned the above be indebted, we wonder?

A REGULAR Convocation of St. Andrew's R. A. Chapter, No. 218, S.C., will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zealand Street, on Thursday, the 22nd instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting companions are cordially invited.

THE baby murderer, Frances Koor, who was hanged in Melbourne last month, went to the gallows singing "Safe in the Arms of Jesus" and even decorated the beautiful "Fast Falls the Evening." There can be no measure to the depths of blasphemous cant after this, surely!

THE: are at present 25,544,074.50 yen of the Japan National Bank's paper money in circulation, while the reserve during the week ending on the 3rd inst. was 65,530,951 yen, making a total of 85,055,926.50 yen or 55,926.50 yen above the maximum limit of 85,000,000 yen.

IN his report on the working of the Raeb mines for the five weeks ending the 31st ultimo, Mr. Bibby says:—"On the 25th December, a general clean-up of the battery took place, yielding 1,016 oz. 14 dwts. 12 grs. smelted gold from 1,140 tons of ore crushed. This was not quite up to expectations, but gives a fairly payable result, besides paying for a large amount of permanent work which should be fairly charged to capital account." The general prospects continue to be favourable.

THE Coroner's inquest on the bodies of the two young children found dead after the fire in Station Street on the 12th inst. was concluded today. The occupant of the house stated that the fire was caused by joss-sticks at the small shrine in the house; but the police stated that the children were letting off crackers. In either case it is a distinctly preventable cause. One woman said she had saved a third little child, and tried to save the other two but was driven back by the flames; she did not explain how it was that nobody told the police or fire brigade. The Coroner (Mr. Wodehouse) entered a verdict of "death from burns or suffocation."

THE "Singapore and Straits Directory" for 1894, just to hand, is the most creditable work of its kind that has yet been sent in to us. Besides calendars for all the various races represented in the polyglot population of the Straits; local regulations and tables of fees for all sorts of things; historical notes, and a large mass of other information which cannot but be of great utility, the directory proper shows signs of more and more careful development every year. The classification and other details are as near perfection as possible; the maps are good, and the whole book is in much handier form and size than in previous years. The local agents for the publishers, the Singapore and Straits Printing Office, are Messrs. Kelly and Walsh, Limited.

THIS is how the *Eastern World* smashes on the Editorial wheel the sheet known within a limited sphere as the *Japan Mail*—The *Mail* of Japan, treaty revision, is snatched around the ring again and made to leap and kick at the business men of Yokohama, who for reasons that are inexplicable by any ordinary method of reasoning continue to support a journal that loses no opportunity to hold them up to scorn and derision, and which has ever been actively engaged in conspiring against their interests. Today when they discover that the *Mail* has the nerve to sharpen the saw which cuts off the branch that they are sitting on, will come and must come, but they far the *Mail*'s pretended knowledge of state secrets serves to blind them. We can assure them, however, that the special information of the journal has no more reliable basis than the historians of Annus of Viterbo, who knew their names and made his inventions take the place of the lost originals of their writings, artfully adding commentaries by pressing passages from known authors into service, in the same way as the *Mail* uses its translations from Japanese papers.

THUS the Singapore *Free Press* of the 9th inst.:—Death has been busy lately amongst the ranks of the uncouth gang of Thabit traders who have in their own little way created quite a sensation in Singapore, not only as traders but as the victims of a wholesale war. Before they left on their trading travels the whole colony of them, about 90 in all, now divided into several gangs, one of which is said to be in Saigon, swore neither to wash nor to change their clothes until they reached home again—at least so the story goes; and whether there can be no question that physically it is some-what the truth, if "frosy pores" that talent the ambient air "afford any criterion. The gang in Singapore at the present time found their way here from Batavia some few weeks ago, where it is understood most of them contracted malaria fever. Finding themselves sick they made for Singapore, and since their arrival their number has been decreased by six, five of whom died in Hospital. The Police, however, are at altogether satisfied with the fever theory, at least without further examination, and the stomachs of the deceased are to be subjected to analysis.

THIS is the sporting season apparently for the six seems thick with the tidings of matches already run and of others yet to be evinced. The latest decided was one out rather of the common, for Mr. H. E. Wodehouse, P.M. C.M.G., etc., acted as judge. Doctor A. M. Cowie and a wheelbarrow coach were the principals, and the event was brought off at Bowington yesterday afternoon. Briefly the facts are as follows:—The Doctor was riding into town from East Point, and had got as far as Bowington Canal without having to make any particular entry in his log-book; there, however, he encountered a coach bearing down on him (with a barrow in tow) desirous of quelling the famous action of Don Quixote when he engaged the wind-mill. There was a difference, however. Cervantes' hero was armed, and mounted on the gallant Rosinante; in this instance it was the Doctor who was charged. 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